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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Reasons for Not Joining the Association.

Most of the answers received from the non-members to whom a recruiting circular was recently sent, if not very helpful, at any rate make interesting reading. A good many correspondents state that they are too old to join or have retired from practice. The following is a selection of actual remarks made in writing, arranged so as to bring out the not unsuspected difficulty of pleasing everybody:

"The Association is becoming more and more a pro-panel organization."

"I am an insurance practitioner and the Association is little use to me. It is run by the consultant element."

"The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is the organ of panel practitioners."

"The JOURNAL gives too much space to abstruse scientific matters of no use to the general practitioner."

"In the present state of affairs a general practitioner must choose between the Association and a trade union. I have chosen the latter."

"The Association is a trade union, and I dislike trade unionism and all its ways."

"I do not belong to the British Medical Association because it is not a purely scientific society. It should leave medical politics alone."

"The Association does not sufficiently look after the interests of the general practitioner."

One correspondent blames the Association for reduction of the insurance capitation fee from 13s. 6d. to 11s., oblivious of the fact that it never was 13s. 6d. Several revive ancient history by saying that their objection to the Association is due to its action during the inception of the national insurance system, but they do not by any means agree as to what the action ought to have been. A few of the letters have been useful as pointing to improvements that might be made in the Association or its JOURNAL, but the great majority are neither helpful nor intended to be so.

Certificates for Pensions for Blindness.

The Association having been informed that honorary officers of ophthalmic hospitals were being asked to supply, without a fee, certificates to enable applicants for pensions for blindness to obtain such pensions, made a protest to the Board of Customs and Excise, which is the body that deals with this question. The Board's answer was that if such a demand were being made it was contrary to the spirit of instructions which had been issued, and that suitable notice had been taken of the case to which attention had been directed. Since that reply was received an honorary officer to a London ophthalmic hospital has received a further application, and on the last occasion the applicant produced a letter from the pensions officers stating that it would certainly be no use his applying for a pension for blindness if he did not produce some proof that he was a blind person. A further protest was made, and the Board now declares that there is no reason to think that the Board's instructions are being generally misinterpreted in the country, as this is the only complaint received since February. The Medical Secretary would be glad to have the experience of honorary officers to ophthalmic hospitals in provincial towns in regard to this matter.

Post-Graduate Medical Committee's Report.

The JOURNAL of June 25th contained, at p. 942, a full analysis of the report of the Committee appointed by the Ministry of Health on January 26th, 1921, with the Earl of Athlone as Chairman, "to investigate the needs of medical practitioners and other graduates for further education in medicine in London, and to submit proposals for a practicable scheme for meeting them." During this inquiry a memorandum was furnished to the Committee by the British Medical Association, and oral evidence was given by the President of the Association, Sir Clifford Allbutt, Dr. C. O. Hawthorne, and Mr. R. J. Willan. The Council of the Association has now appointed a small committee to consider the report of the Committee. The Committee's recommendations, as summarized in the concluding paragraph of its report, are as follows:

1. A school attached to a hospital centrally situated in London should be devoted solely to post-graduate medical education.
2. The school should be a school of the University of London, and receive substantial financial assistance from the Treasury through the University Grants Committee.
3. In addition to the courses provided at the Central School for the full-time instruction of general practitioners, and at existing post-graduate colleges and schools, further facilities for post-graduate study should be made available at non-teaching hospitals and in Poor Law infirmaries.
4. It is desirable that increased use should be made of cottage hospitals in which all general practitioners of the neighbourhood should have the right, if they so desire, to treat their patients.
5. A much larger number of resident appointments and clinical assistantships should be created in hospitals and Poor Law infirmaries.
6. A central office should be established to co-ordinate and develop the work of post-graduate education in London. In the administrative building should be provided not only offices but the accommodation necessary for social purposes.
7. An Institute of State Medicine should be established by the University of London in which instruction should be given in public health, forensic medicine, industrial medicine, and in medical ethics and economics.

Grant to the Tasmanian Branch.

In the JOURNAL of April 19th, 1919, p. 485, and of July 17th, 1920, p. 81, articles were printed summarizing the serious medico-political situation which had arisen in Tasmania in consequence of recent legislation adopted by the Tasmanian Government. In this way the history of the dispute was placed before members of the Association and the profession generally. The position in Tasmania was also brought to the notice of the Representative Body at Cambridge last summer, as recorded in the SUPPLEMENT of July 10th, 1920, p. 38. At the last meeting of the Council the Medico-Political Committee reported that a grant of £100 would be made out of the Central Emergency Fund to the voluntary fund now being raised in Tasmania to defray the expenses of the Tasmanian Branch in its unsuccessful efforts to resist the introduction of the new Medical Acts. The Committee considered that a grant from this country would be much appreciated by the Tasmanian Branch, not only because the Branch is small in numbers, and therefore finds it difficult to raise the money, but far more because the grant would show that the British Medical Association at home is watching the Association's affairs in Tasmania with interest and sympathy.

Paying Patients in Poor Law Hospitals: Manchester Scheme.

As a result of a conference between the Manchester Board of Guardians and representatives of the medical profession in Manchester the following scheme has been agreed upon for the use of beds in Poor Law hospitals by paying patients:

1. Any scheme must be subject to the administrative superintendence of the medical superintendent of the hospital in which the beds are provided.
2. The beds shall be available for cases sent in by any medical practitioner, who shall be allowed, if he desires, to attend, treat, or operate on them himself with the assistance of the resident medical and nursing staff of the hospital.
3. Patients shall be admitted to any of the beds with the recommendation of a medical practitioner, where possible, subject to the final approval of the medical superintendent of the hospital.
4. The guardians suggest that any tariff of fees which may be charged for attendance and treatment by the practitioner in charge of the case should be arranged by the medical association.
5. Any practitioner may, if he desires, attend and treat gratuitously any patient recommended for admission by him who can only afford the standard hospital fees for maintenance and treatment. Intention to do so must be stated at time of admission.
6. The visiting staffs of the hospitals shall be entitled to send in and treat their own private patients on the same conditions as outside medical practitioners.
7. The above scheme is suggested provisionally as one likely to allow free development of this new departure in the provision of hospital accommodation for paying patients. Modifications and additional regulations in matters of detail will, it is anticipated, prove necessary, but these, in the opinion of the conference, should be made from experience gained in the working of the scheme.

This scheme is so drawn up as to provide an opportunity for the general practitioner to participate in institutional treatment, and the opportunity is one of which advantage should be taken by the medical men in the area concerned. Other areas would do well to try and get similar regulations embodied in any schemes which are drawn up by their boards of guardians.

Income Tax Assessment.

The following particulars, which have been supplied by a gentleman who is a chartered accountant, and whose wife is engaged in general practice, will be of interest to medical men. Our correspondent states that in making the returns for income tax it has always been his custom to include the whole of his wife's earnings derived from panel and private practice in one lump sum, and against that to charge the proper amounts for rent, rates, gas, light, locumtenent's fees and expenses, and all the other usual expenses which are allowable for deduction, and to arrive at the assessable profit on the three years' average under Schedule D.

When the accounts for the year to March 31st, 1920, were put in the local inspector objected to the deduction of the salary paid to locumtenents during holidays on the ground that this expense was one of the holiday and not of the practice. Our correspondent, considering the contention to be ridiculous, seeing that the earnings of the locumtenent had been included on the credit side of the account, applied to Somerset House. That authority said it agreed with the inspector. Our correspondent then appealed to the local commissioners, who came to the curious decision that in so far as the expense of the locumtenent was necessitated by the private practice so much of it as represented the proportionate cost compared with the fees earned should be allowed as a deduction, but as the panel receipts fall within Schedule E no expenses of a locumtenent could be allowed against these; the fee paid to the locumtenent should therefore be split, part allowed and part disallowed. The inspector was not satisfied and asked for a case to be stated. The matter has, however, been settled by the following letter from the inspector: "With reference to the appeal in the above case I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Inland Revenue have reconsidered the matter and have decided that they will offer no objection to the allowance of the cost of a locumtenent. The full cost will therefore be allowed in the accounts."

Our correspondent suggests that practitioners should include their panel receipts with those of their general practice and so obtain the benefit of an average and the allowance of all expenses incurred in the panel practice, and that they should further charge, not only the fees paid to locumtenents, but the cost of housing and feeding the locumtenent or an assistant. The thanks of the profession are due to our correspondent for the tenacity with which he has followed up a matter of considerable interest to all general practitioners.

Arrangements for the Annual Representative Meeting.

The Annual Representative Meeting is being held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Friday, July 15th, and following week-days, as may be necessary. The printed Agenda and other documents were issued from the head office on July 7th. The Representatives' dinner is being held on the evening of the first day's session (July 15th) at the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle. (This will be known throughout the Annual Meeting as "The Assembly Rooms Club.") A reception for ladies accompanying Representatives and Members of Council has been arranged for the same evening by the Ladies' Executive Committee. On Saturday afternoon there will be a ladies' tennis party, and in the evening a smoking concert at 8 o'clock, to which ladies also are invited. On Sunday there will probably be a motor excursion in private cars for Representatives, Members of Council, and ladies accompanying them; while on Monday morning ladies will be shown over the Old Castle and Black Gate, and a ladies' excursion to Tynemouth has been arranged. From the night of Thursday, July 14th, onwards a smoking room at the Grand Hotel, Newcastle, has been reserved for Representatives and Members of Council.

The Annual Exhibition.

The Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Drugs, Foods, etc., in connexion with the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held this year in the St. George's Drill Hall, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Arrangements for the Exhibition are now complete. There will be a large and representative display of the latest inventions and improvements in surgical instruments, appliances, etc., and of developments in medicinal and dietetic preparations. The hall is admirably suited for the purpose of this exhibition, for it has an area of over 17,000 square feet on one floor. It is within a minute's walk of the College of Medicine, where the Reception Room will be situated; members will thus be afforded a good opportunity of inspecting the exhibits. Luncheons, afternoon teas, etc., will be provided in the Exhibition, and a first class orchestra will play daily.

Association Notices.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1921.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, July 19th, 1921, at 2 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Appointment of auditors. (3) Report of Election of President for year 1922–23.

British Medical Association.

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, JULY, 1921.

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

President: The Right Hon. Sir T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, P.C., K.C.B., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge.

President-Elect: DAVID DRUMMOND, C.B.E., M.A., M.D., D.C.L., Vice-Chancellor and Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine, University of Durham.

Chairman of Representative Meetings: T. W. H. GARSTANG, M.A., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chairman of Council: R. A. BOLAM, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Treasurer: G. E. HASLIP, M.D.

PROGRAMME.

The President, Professor DAVID DRUMMOND, will give an Address, in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on Tuesday, July 19th, at 8 p.m.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, begins on Friday, July 15th, at 10 a.m., and will be continued on the following days.

The statutory ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on July 19th, at 2 p.m., and the Adjourned General Meeting at 8 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Thursday, July 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Members wishing to attend should immediately notify the Local General Secretary, 6, Kensington Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, preferably by filling up and forwarding the form on page 231 of the SUPPLEMENT of June 18th. The price of the ticket is 20s., which should be remitted with the application.

A united religious service will be held on Tuesday, July 19th, at 5 p.m., at St. Nicholas Cathedral. A Roman Catholic Service will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, July 21st, at 9.15 a.m.

The Conference of Secretaries will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, and the Secretaries' Dinner will take place in the evening at 6.30.

A Special Address on "Industrial Hygiene: its Rise, Progress and Opportunities," will be given by Sir Thomas Oliver, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., on Wednesday, July 20th, at 8 p.m., in the King's Hall.

The Popular Lecture, on "Evolutionary Wounds," will be delivered by Sir Arthur Keith, M.D., F.R.S., on Friday, July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., in the King's Hall.

On Tuesday, July 19th, at 9.30 p.m., there will be a reception in the Assembly Rooms Club, and on Wednesday, at 9 p.m., a reception in the Hancock Natural History Museum. On Thursday, at 10 p.m., there will be a dance in the King's Hall, and on Friday, at 8.30 p.m., a reception and dance at the Assembly Rooms Club.

On Wednesday, July 20th, at 3.45 p.m., the Lord Mayor of Newcastle will give a garden party in Jesmond Dene.

THE SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS.

The Sections will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Laboratory and Clinical Demonstrations will be given on Wednesday, July 20th, Thursday, July 21st, and Friday, July 22nd, between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The following Sections meet on three days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 20, 21, and 22.

MEDICINE.

President: Professor THOMAS BEATTIE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: The Right Hon. LORD DAWSON of PENN, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.; Professor A. J. HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; G. S. HAYNES, M.D., M.R.C.P.; J. WILKIE SMITH, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: C. E. LAKIN, M.D., F.R.C.P., (105, Harley Street, London, W.1); W. T. RITCHIE, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed. (14, Rothesay Place, Edinburgh); Professor W. E. HUME, C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P. (4, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:—

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Visceral Syphilis, especially of the Central Nervous System and Cardio-vascular System. To be introduced by the Right Hon. Sir CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, K.C.B., F.R.S., followed by Dr. Gordon Holmes, Professor Reynolds, Dr. John Cowan, Dr. A. G. Gibson, Dr. John Eason and Dr. Ivy McKenzie.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Asthma and Allied Disorders. To be opened by Sir HUMPHRY ROLLESTON, K.C.B., followed by Dr. John Freeman, Dr. A. F. Hurst, Mr. Frank Coke, Dr. Mackenzie Wallis and Dr. Charles McNeil.

July 22nd (10–11.30 a.m.).—Discussion: Encephalitis Lethargica. To be opened by Dr. EDWIN BRAMWELL, followed by Dr. Wilfred Harris, Professor A. J. Hall, Dr. C. H. Melland. 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.:—Joint Discussion with the Section of Physiology, Pharmacology, Therapeutics, and Dietetics: Renal Efficiency Tests. To be opened by Professor H. McLEAN, followed by Professor Francis D. Boyd, C.B., M.D., Dr. R. L. Mackenzie Wallis, and Dr. D. Wells Patterson.

In the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 3 to 4.30, cases will be demonstrated by the honorary medical staff in the medical wards of the Royal Victoria Infirmary. Short papers and demonstrations will be arranged during the same hours.

Members wishing to take part in the above discussions, or to give demonstrations, are asked to communicate with Dr. W. E. Hume, Honorary Secretary, Section of Medicine, 4, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in order that he may forward a copy of the opener's remarks when available.

SURGERY.

President: Professor J. RUTHERFORD MORISON, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: Professor H. BRUNTON ANGUS, F.R.C.S.; ARTHUR COOKE, F.R.C.S.; W. J. GREER, F.R.C.S.I.; A. M. MARTIN, M.B.

Honorary Secretaries: W. GIRLING BALL, F.R.C.S. (77, Wimpole Street, London, W.1); J. M. RENTON, F.R.C.S. (16, Sandyford Place, Glasgow, W.); G. GREY TURNER, M.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S. (The Hawthorns, Osborne Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (Morning Session).—Discussion: Acute Pleural Empyema. To be opened by Mr. HENRY WADE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin. (Edinburgh). Short Papers: Sir HAMILTON A. BALLANCE, The Best Method of Operative Approach in Cases of Acute Appendicitis, illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. G. H. EDINGTON, An Analysis of a Series of Cases of Intussusception.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, demonstrations will be given by Professor RUTHERFORD MORISON, at the War Pensions Hospital, of cases and specimens illustrating (1) Bipp, (2) Bone Cavities, (3) Bone Grafts. Cases will also be shown by other members of the staff.

July 21st (Morning Session).—Discussion: Compound Fracture of the Thigh and Leg. To be opened by Mr. NAUGHTON DUNN, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., followed by Mr. Hamilton Russell, Mr. Max Page, D.S.O., Mr. Henry Wade, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. G. H. Edington, and Mr. Grant Andrews. Short Papers: Mr. HAMILTON RUSSELL (Melbourne), Theory and Method in Extension of the Thigh. Mr. MARCUS MAMOURIAN, The Bone Graft.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the demonstrations will be at the Royal Victoria Infirmary by Mr. HAMILTON DRUMMOND and Mr. F. C. PYBUS.

July 22nd (Morning Session).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Injuries of the Intestines. To be opened by Mr. GORDON TAYLOR, O.B.E., M.S. (London), followed by Mr. James Berry, Mr. Zachary Cope, and Mr. Hamilton Barclay. Short Paper: Mr. CHARLES P. CHILDE, The Employment of Crushing Instruments and the Cautery in Intra-abdominal Operations, with demonstration of some special instruments.

The afternoon demonstration will be at the Infirmary, when Mr. JOHN CLAY, C.B.E., will show cases after splenectomy, etc., and Mr. G. GREY TURNER six cases after transplantation of the ureter into the bowel.

Anyone wishing to take part in the discussions or demonstrations is invited to communicate with the Secretaries, and those

wishing to read short papers are asked to send a summary, to be brought before the officers of the Section. There will also be an exhibition of specimens illustrating the subjects for discussion, and members are asked to advise the Secretaries of any specimens they propose to exhibit.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: Professor MATTHEW J. STEWART, M.B., M.R.C.P.
Vice-Presidents: J. F. GASKELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; JAMES A. MURRAY, M.D.
Honorary Secretaries: R. R. ELWORTHY, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P. (West London Hospital, Hammersmith, London, W.6); A. F. BERNARD SHAW, M.D., M.R.C.P.I. (Pathological Department, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Haemochromatosis. To be opened by Professor JOHN SHAW DUNN and Dr. MAXWELL TELLING, followed by Dr. J. F. Gaskell, Dr. Mackenzie Wallis, and Professor M. J. Stewart. Discussion: The Streptococci. To be opened by Professor J. MARTIN BEATTIE, followed by Dr. Warren Crowe, Dr. H. J. Dible, and Dr. J. W. McLeod.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Papers: The Relation of Carcinoma to Infection, by Dr. W. FORD ROBERTSON. Observations on Malignant Melanoma, by Professor M. J. STEWART and Dr. H. H. GLEAVE. The Pathology of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer, by Dr. A. G. GIBSON. Chronic Duodenal Ileus, by Mr. D. P. D. WILKIE, F.R.C.S. Experimental Tar Cancer in Mice, by Dr. J. A. MURRAY and Dr. W. H. WOGLAM. Other papers will be announced at the meeting.

July 22nd (10 to 11.30 a.m.).—Joint discussion with the Section of Medicine: Encephalitis Lethargica; 11.30 to 1 p.m., Joint discussion with the Section of Medicine and the Section of Physiology, Pharmacology, Therapeutics, and Dietetics: Renal Efficiency Tests.

Demonstrations.

July 21st (at 3 p.m.).—"Protein Tests in Asthma," by Dr. MACKENZIE WALLIS, in the Pathological Laboratory.

July 22nd (at 3 p.m.).—"Renal Function Tests," by Dr. MACKENZIE WALLIS, in the Pathological Laboratory.

Anyone wishing to take part in the discussions is invited to communicate with the Secretaries, and those wishing to read short papers are asked to send a summary to be brought before the officers of the Section. There will also be an exhibition of specimens illustrating the subjects for discussion, and members are asked to advise the Secretaries of any specimens they propose to exhibit.

Pathological Museum.

The Pathological Museum Committee proposes to arrange the material under the following heads: (1) Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers to the various Sections; (2) specimens and illustrations relating to any recent research work; (3) instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation; (4) individual specimens of special interest or a series illustrating some special subject. It is proposed to gather together a series of exhibits illustrating the pathology of individual cases. Such exhibits will include a brief clinical history of the case and mounted specimens of the different organs and tissues illustrating the pathological changes and the correlation of the lesions. Other interesting specimens will be welcomed. The Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Museum Committee is Dr. A. F. Bernard Shaw, Pathological Department, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The museum will occupy a central position in the same building as that in which the sectional work is carried on. Every care will be taken of specimens, and the contents of the museum will be insured. It is hoped to make arrangements for exhibitors to demonstrate their specimens.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WITH INDUSTRIAL DISEASES.

President: Sir THOMAS OLIVER, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.
Vice-Presidents: Sir JOSIAH COURT, M.R.C.S.; T. EUSTACE HILL, O.B.E., M.B.; I. G. MODLIN, O.B.E., M.D.
Honorary Secretaries: C. M. WILSON, M.C., M.D., F.R.C.P. (64, South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1); W. H. DICKINSON, O.B.E., M.B., D.P.H. (91, Newbridge Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Effect of Health Legislation on the Health of the People. To be opened by Captain WALTER E. ELLIOT, M.C., M.P.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Importance of Industrial Medicine to the Community. To be introduced by Professor COLLIS (Cardiff).

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Proposed joint meeting with the Section of Medical Sociology.

ORTHOPAEDICS AND DISEASES IN CHILDREN.

President: A. H. TUBBY, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: R. C. ELMSLIE, O.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S.; H. MORLEY FLETCHER, M.D., F.R.C.P.; LACHLAN G. FRASER, M.D.; Sir HENRY M. W. GRAY, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; A. E. MORISON, F.R.C.S.Edin. (Director of Demonstrations).
Honorary Secretaries: C. MAX PAGE, D.S.O., F.R.C.S. (134, Harley Street, London, W.1); FRANK HAWTHORN, D.S.O., M.D. (10, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne); H. R. SOUPER, M.D. (Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Castle Leazes, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Mr. A. H. Tubby. Discussion: The Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Anterior Poliomyelitis. To be opened by Dr. FARQUHAR BUZZARD (London), followed by Mr. R. C. Elmslie (London), Mr. McCrae Aitkin (London), Mr. W. R. Bristow (London), Dr. Tulloch (Dundee), and Dr. Howard Humphris (London). Papers: Dr. MURK JANSEN, The Polyarticular Muscles as the Cause of Arthrogenetic Contractures. Mr. HARRY PLATT: Birth Palsy.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Dr. H. Morley Fletcher. Discussion: Blood Diseases in Children. To be opened by Dr. HUGH THURSFIELD followed by Dr. J. S. McCracken (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Papers: Dr. LEONARD FINDLAY (Glasgow), Prenatal Treatment of Syphilis; Dr. JOHN THOMSON (Edinburgh) and Mr. TYRRELL GRAY (London), Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis.

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Sir Henry M. W. Gray. Discussion: Tuberculosis of Bone in Children; General Principles of Treatment. To be opened by Sir H. J. GAUVAIN (Alton), followed by Mr. John Fraser (Edinburgh), Dr. Camac Wilkinson (London), and Mr. F. C. Pybus (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). Paper: Dr. H. M. CARGIN (M.O.H. West Hartlepool), Milk Control.

Demonstrations.—The following demonstrations will be held in the War Pensions Hospital, Castle Leazes, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by permission of Colonel F. J. Greig, C.M.G., A.M.S.(R.): *July 21st*, 3 to 4.30 p.m., Congenital Heart Lesions, by Dr. W. E. HUME (Newcastle-upon-Tyne); Congenital Dislocations of the Hip—Late Results, by Mr. A. M. MARTIN (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). *July 22nd*, 3 to 4.30 p.m., Bone Grafting for Cranial Defects, by Mr. A. E. MORISON (Sunderland); Hydrocephalus, by Dr. J. D. LICKLEY (Newcastle-upon-Tyne); On Finer Adjustment, with especial reference to the Hand, by Dr. F. A. HORT (Pensions Hospital, Sunderland). Should time permit discussion will be welcomed.

Contributors wishing to show specimens should communicate at once with Dr. Souper, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who will arrange with the Secretary of the Pathological Museum Committee for the storage and exhibition of the specimens during the meeting.

The following Sections meet on two days—Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY.

President: Professor A. W. MACKINTOSH, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed.
Vice-Presidents: A. HELEN A. BOYLE, M.D.; E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD, M.D., F.R.C.P.; HARRY CAMPBELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; HORSLEY DRUMMOND, M.D.
Honorary Secretaries: ANTHONY FEILING, M.D., F.R.C.P. (41, Devonshire Street, London, W.); GEORGE HALL, C.M.G., M.D., M.R.C.P. (1, Eslington Road, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Borderland Cases. To be opened by Professor G. M. ROBERTSON (Edinburgh) and Dr. JAMES COLLIER (London).

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Papers: (1) Dr. HARRY CAMPBELL (London), The Nervous Diathesis and the Blood. (2) Dr. G. RIDDOCH (London), Some Points in the Management and Treatment of Paraplegia. (3) Dr. F. M. R. WALSHE (London), Observations on the Mechanism of Symptom Production in Disease and Injury of the Nervous System. (4) Dr. A. E. A. CARVER (Birmingham), Epilepsy from the Psychological Standpoint. (5) Dr. JUDSON BURY (Manchester), Remarks on the Pathology and Symptoms of Paralysis Agitans. (6) Dr. DOUGLAS ADAMS (Glasgow), The Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Disseminated Sclerosis.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: Professor J. D. WARDALE, M.B., B.S.
Vice-Presidents: H. P. BENNETT, M.B.; Lieut.-Colonel R. H. ELLIOT, M.D., F.R.C.S., I.M.S. (ret.); HARRY M. TRAQUAIR, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed.
Honorary Secretaries: N. B. B. FLEMING, M.B., Ch.B. (9, Harley Street, London, W.1); STANLEY ROBSON, M.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Milton House, Rowlands Gill, co. Durham).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Causes and Prevention of Blindness. To be opened by Mr. BISHOP HARMAN, F.R.C.S. (London).

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Treatment of Corneal Ulcers. To be opened by Mr. J. V. PATERSON, F.R.C.S.Edin. (Edinburgh).

OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

President: G. WILLIAM HILL, M.D., B.Sc.
Vice-Presidents: R. GORDON BELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin.; JAMES DON, M.D.; DAN MCKENZIE, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin.
Honorary Secretaries: LIONEL COLLEDGE, M.B., F.R.C.S. (22, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); W. FRANK WILSON, M.B., B.S. (97, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Problems in connexion with the Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Meningitis occurring in Aural Cases. To be opened by Sir CHARLES BALLANCE, K.C.M.G., C.B.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Various Problems presented by Haemorrhage occurring in connexion with Operations on the Tonsils. To be opened by Dr. BROWN KELLY (Glasgow).

PHYSIOLOGY, PHARMACOLOGY, THERAPEUTICS, AND DIETETICS.

President: H. H. DALE, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.S.
Vice-Presidents: Professor A. V. HILL, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.; Professor JOHN C. MEAKINS, M.D.; Professor J. A. MENZIES, M.D.; ALFRED PARKIN, M.D., M.R.C.P.
Honorary Secretaries: O. INCHLEY, M.A., M.D. (Babraham, Cambridge); Miss MILDRED ATKINSON, B.Sc. (College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged: Papers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and demonstrations from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Paper by Professor A. V. HILL, D.Sc., F.R.S.: The Use of the Hot Wire for Investigating (*a*) the Time Relations of the Pulse; (*b*) the Characteristics of Voluntary Contraction in Man. Paper by Dr. W. R. GROVE and Dr. H. W. C. VINES: The Etiology and Treatment of Varicose Ulcers. Paper by Professor H. H. DALE, F.R.S.: Anaphylatoxin.

In the afternoon (Wednesday, July 20th) Professor J. A. MENZIES, Miss M. ATKINSON, and Dr. G. A. CLARK will give a demonstration on The Passage of Sulphate through the Cells of the Tubules of the Kidney of the Frog.

July 21st.—(10 a.m.) Paper, with lantern demonstration, by Dr. H. MUIR EVANS: The Poison Organs and Venoms of Venomous Fish. Paper by Professor C. H. BROWNING: Recent work on Chemo-therapy. Paper by Dr. G. ARBOUR STEPHENS: Acid Feeders, and the Deleterious Effects of too much Acid in the Food. Paper by Dr. J. SIM WALLACE, D.Sc., L.D.S.: The Physiology of Oral Hygiene.

July 22nd.—Joint discussion with the Section of Medicine on Renal Efficiency Tests.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

President: Colonel L. W. HARRISON, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.
Vice-Presidents: JAMES CHARLES BUCKLEY, M.D.; CHARLES GIBBS, F.R.C.S.; MARY RAW, M.B.
Honorary Secretaries: KENNETH M. WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (86, Harley Street, London, W.).; JAMES HUDSON, M.D. (42, Crossley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Treatment of Syphilis in Man, by Dr. R. MacKenna. Syphilis in Women and Children, by Professor Walter Swayne.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Treatment of Gonorrhoea in Men, by Dr. David Lees. The Standard of Cure in Gonorrhoea, by Dr. Townley Clarkson.

In the afternoon of Wednesday (July 20th) a demonstration will be held of Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment in Venereal Diseases, Dark-ground Illumination Work, Models of Venereal Disease Clinics, etc.

The following Section meets on two days—Thursday and Friday, July 21 and 22.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

President: Professor R. P. RANKEN LYLE, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: Lady BARRETT, M.D.; W. R. GROVE, M.D.; WILLIAM ROBINSON, F.R.C.S.
Honorary Secretaries: GORDON LEY, F.R.C.S. (5, Wimpole Street, London, W.1); MABEL R. CAMPBELL, M.A., M.B. (49, Wingrove Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne); E. FARQUHAR MURRAY, M.D., F.R.C.S. (52, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Rôle of Caesarean Section in Midwifery. To be opened by Dr. EARDLEY L. HOLLAND (London) and Dr. J. M. MUNRO KERR (Glasgow). Paper: The Treatment of Advanced Malignant Disease of the Cervix, by Dr. ARTHUR BURROWS (Manchester), to be followed by a discussion.

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Neurasthenic Element in Midwifery and Gynaecology. To be opened by Dr. ARCHIBALD DONALD (Manchester) and Dr. FARQUHAR BUZZARD (London). Papers to be followed by discussion: (1) Curettage, (*a*) Diagnostic, (*b*) Treatment of Uterine Haemorrhage, by Dr. H. BECKWITH WHITEHOUSE (Birmingham). (2) The Position of the Medical Practitioner called in to attend a case of Procured Abortion, by Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL (Belfast).

The following Sections meet on one day as indicated.

Wednesday, July 20th.

AMBULANCE AND RED CROSS.

President: Sir JAMES CANTLIE, K.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: ROBERT ANDERSON, M.D.; Sir G. T. BEATSON, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.D.; Major-General Sir G. J. H. EVATT, K.C.B., M.D.; Rev. C. F. TOWNLEY, M.A.
Honorary Secretaries: R. M. VICK, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (The Warden's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1); H. L. RUTTER, M.B.E., F.R.C.S. (31, West Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

1. Short address by President on the Claim of "First Aid" to be regarded as a Special Branch of Practical Surgery.
2. Discussion on an X-Ray Motor Ambulance Wagon Service for Great Britain, and description of the work in London and fifty miles round. Display map, with centres from which areas are worked.
3. Discussion on Stretcher Slings; the Question of Carrying Loaded Stretchers on the Shoulders; the Yoke Sling.
4. Thomson's Machine for Armless Men. Demonstration by an armless man.
5. Display of several devices by Dr. Highet of Reading—car, boat, and barges; carriage of sick and wounded; an improvised ambulance wagon; invalid carrying chairs.

PROCTOLOGY.

President: J. P. LOCKHART-MUMMERY, F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: HENRY B. DENSHAM, M.B.; W. ERNEST MILES, F.R.C.S.; D. P. D. WILKIE, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Honorary Secretaries: CECIL W. ROWNTREE, F.R.C.S. (9, Upper Brook Street, London, W.1); HAMILTON DRUMMOND, F.R.C.S. Edin. (6, Saville Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Surgical Treatment of Internal Haemorrhoids. To be opened by Sir CHARLES GORDON-WATSON, K.B.E., and Mr. D. P. D. WILKIE, F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh).

Thursday, July 21st.

DERMATOLOGY.

President: JOHN FARQUHAR CHRISTIE, M.A., M.B.
Vice-Presidents: ERNEST DORE, M.D., F.R.C.P.; ARTHUR D. HEATH, M.D., M.R.C.P.; D. WELLS PATTERSON, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P.
Honorary Secretaries: WILLIAM JENKINS OLIVER, M.A., M.B. (58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); SYDNEY THOMPSON, M.B., B.S. (19, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussions: (1) Cutaneous Sensitization and Focal Sepsis in the Etiology of certain Skin Affections. To be opened by H. W. BARBER, M.B., M.R.C.P. (2) The Association of Skin Tuberculosis with Visceral and other Tuberculous Manifestations. To be opened by GEORGE H. LANCASHIRE, M.D. (3) Dermatological Cases attending the Pensions Boards. To be opened by HENRY MACCORMAC, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. (with the permission of the Ministry of Pensions).

Friday, July 22nd.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: Sir JENNER VERRALL, LL.D., M.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: CHARLES BUTTAR, M.A., M.D.; A. C. FARQUHARSON, M.D., M.P.; E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, M.B., B.S.
Honorary Secretaries: J. F. WALKER, M.B. (Rocklands, Clifton Terrace, Southend-on-Sea); MABEL G. BRODIE, M.B. (Maternity and Child Welfare Offices, 42, Old Elvet, Durham).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Relation of the Medical Profession to Local Authorities in respect to Rate-provided Hospitals and Clinics. To be opened by Sir GEORGE NEWMAN, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health; Mr. DAVID ADAMS (Newcastle-upon-Tyne), and Dr. MIDDLETON MARTIN (M.O.H. Gloucestershire).

RADIOLOGY AND ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS.

President: ROBERT KNOX, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: W. HOPE FOWLER, F.R.C.S.Edin.; ROBERT EDWARD HOWELL, M.B., C.M.
Honorary Secretaries: JAMES METCALFE, M.D. (123, Harley Street, London, W.1); THOMAS LOWE BUNTING, M.D. (6, Portland Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: On the Changes induced in Blood Constituents by Radiations: (*a*) Experimental evidence, Professor SIDNEY RUSS and Dr. ARCHIBALD LEITCH; (*b*) Clinical observations, Dr. MOTTRAM, Dr. GAMLEN, Dr. J. B. WATERS, Dr. METCALFE, Dr. HOPE FOWLER and others. On Morbid Conditions of the Blood: (1) The Anaemias, (2) Leukaemia, (3) Banti's disease, etc. Opening paper by Professor G. L. GULLAND, C.M.G. (Edinburgh). Discussion on Surgical Diathermy, to be opened by Dr. CUMBERBATCH, followed by Dr. HOWARD HUMPHRIS, Dr. SABERTON and others.

Dr. KNOX and Mr. THOMSON WALKER will give an afternoon demonstration, with lantern slides and prints, of Radiography and Pyelography in Gall Bladder and Renal Conditions.

Exhibition of radiograms, etc., in the Pathological Museum.

A visit will be paid to the *x*-ray and electro-therapeutic departments of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

UROLOGY.

President: J. W. THOMSON WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: P. J. CAMMIDGE, M.D.; JOHN CLAY, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; H. C. PEARSON, F.R.C.S.Ed.
Honorary Secretaries: SYDNEY G. MACDONALD, F.R.C.S. (51, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); W. S. DICKIE, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (Ardencapel, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Cystitis. To be opened by J. F. DOBSON, M.S., F.R.C.S. (Surgical). Papers: Experimental Evidence bearing on the Source of the Amylolytic Ferment in the Urine, by P. J. CAMMIDGE, M.D.; Open Prostatectomy, by J. W. THOMSON WALKER, M.B., F.R.C.S.; Treatment of Bladder Growths, by SYDNEY G. MACDONALD, M.B., F.R.C.S.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

There will be demonstrations in connexion with the various scientific sections on the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 20th, 21st, and 22nd, at 3 o'clock. For the most part these will be held in the wards and special departments of the Royal Victoria Infirmary; but the demonstrations in the Section of Surgery on July 20th will be given at the War Pensions Hospital, and those of the Section of Ambulance and Red Cross at the Northumberland Fire Reserve Brigade Station, Scotswood Road. A detailed list of demonstrations will be issued at the time of the meeting and announcements will also be made at the Sectional Meetings.

TIME TABLE OF THE MEETING.

The following is the provisional time table for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Meeting, 1921:

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH.

10 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting, Armstrong College.
7.15 p.m.—Representatives' Dinner, Assembly Rooms Club.
8.30 p.m.—Reception for Ladies, Assembly Rooms Club.

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH.

9.30 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting.
8 p.m.—Representatives' Smoking Concert, Assembly Rooms Club.

MONDAY, JULY 18TH.

9.30 a.m.—Council Meeting, Armstrong College.
10 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Drugs, Foods, etc., St. George's Drill Hall, St. Mary's Place.
9.30 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting.
2 p.m.—Annual General Meeting, King's Hall, Armstrong College.
*5 p.m.—United Religious Service at St. Nicholas Cathedral.
*8 p.m.—Adjourned General Meeting, President's Address, King's Hall.
*9.30 p.m.—President's Reception, Assembly Rooms Club.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH.

9 a.m.—Council Meeting, Armstrong College.
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Annual Exhibition, St. George's Drill Hall.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2 p.m.—Secretaries' Conference, King's Hall.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
3.45 p.m.—Lord Mayor's Garden Party, in Jesmond Dene.
6.30 p.m.—Secretaries' Dinner, College of Medicine.
8 p.m.—Special Address on Industrial Hygiene, King's Hall.
*9 p.m.—Reception by Branch Council in Hancock Natural History Museum.

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Annual Exhibition, St. George's Drill Hall.
*9.15 a.m.—Roman Catholic Service, St. Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
*3 p.m.—Convocation for Degrees at Durham.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
7.15 p.m.—Annual Dinner, Assembly Rooms Club.
8.20 p.m.—Entertainment at Hippodrome.
10 p.m.—Dance in the King's Hall.

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND.

9 a.m. to 6 p,m.—Annual Exhibition, St. George's Drill Hall.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
7.30 p.m.—Popular Lecture, King's Hall.
*8.30 p.m.—Reception and Dance, Assembly Rooms Club, given by the Proprietors of the *Newcastle Chronicle*.

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD.

10 a.m.—Excursion to the Roman Wall.

*Academic dress or uniform, with decorations, should be worn.

The Honorary Local General Secretary of the Meeting is Mr. R. J. Willan, M.V.O., O.B.E., F.R.C.S., 6, Kensington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

A Pathological Museum has been arranged in the Dissecting Room of the College of Medicine. It will be opened on Monday, July 18th, at 9 a.m., and will remain open during the week of the meeting. The Museum will include exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the Sections, specimens and illustrations relating to recent research work, and instruments or appliances relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation. There will also be a collection of *x*-ray and other photographs, and a series of exhibits illustrating the pathology of individual cases. Exhibitors will have an opportunity of demonstrating their specimens.

RECEPTION ROOM.

The reception room for members and visitors attending the annual meeting is situated in the Examination Hall of the College of Medicine, Northumberland Road. It will be open for the purpose of registration on Monday, July 18th, from 2.30 to 6 p.m., and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Copies of the *Handbook* of the meeting and a souvenir *Guide Book* will be obtainable there, together with full particulars of all entertainments and excursions. Adjoining the reception room there will be a reading, writing, and smoking room, where daily papers, time-tables, etc., will be provided. An official of the North-Eastern Railway will attend the reception room daily from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m., and from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., to give travellers information about train services.

The meetings of the Annual Representative Body and the Council will be held at Armstrong College. The Scientific Sections will hold their sessions at Armstrong College and the College of Medicine. During the meeting the offices of the Honorary Local General Secretary, the Honorary Local Treasurer, and the Financial Secretary will be at the College of Medicine. The Assembly Rooms Club is at the Grand Assembly Rooms in College Road, off Barras Bridge, on the route between the College of Medicine and Armstrong College. It will be open daily from 9 a.m. as a meeting place for members and their friends, and meals will be served there for those who give notice. All members of the Association have been made temporary honorary members of the Medical Institute, 7, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle.

A list of owners of motor cars, taxicabs, and motor garages, with their scale of charges, will be posted up in the Reception Room, at the Assembly Rooms Club, and at the Ladies' Club, 27, Eldon Street.

EXCURSIONS.

The following is a brief summary of the arrangements for excursions printed in the *Handbook* of the meeting. During the week of the meeting inquiries and applications for tickets should be made at the Excursion and Entertainment Department in the Reception Room at the College of Medicine, where the latest information will be obtainable. Tickets for entertainments and excursions will be issued according to priority of application at the Reception Room after 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19th.

Morning excursions for ladies to places of interest in Newcastle and the neighbourhood have been organized for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Details of these will be found in the *Handbook*. The meeting place in most cases will be the Ladies' Club, 27, Eldon Street, off Barras Bridge. Opportunities for playing lawn tennis, golf, and croquet will be provided.

Afternoon Excursions.

Wednesday, July 20th.—(1) Electric Supply Works at Carville. (2) Shipbuilding yard at Wallsend. (3) Glass works, gasworks, and locomotive works at Gateshead.

Thursday, July 21st.—(1) Excursion to Durham for Convocation and garden party; Cathedral and Castle. (2) Motor works at Birtley. (3) Electric works at Carville and shipbuilding yard at Wallsend. (4) Chesters Roman Camp and Museum; Hexham Abbey. (5) Glass works, paper mills, and confectionery works, Gateshead. (6) Old Castle, Black Gate Museum, and Trinity House.

Friday, July 22nd.—(1) Tour of River Tyne from Elswick to Tynemouth by S.Y. "Sir William Stephenson." (2) Chollerford. (3) Blanchland. (4) Factories in Newcastle, Gateshead, and Pelaw. (5) Electric works at Carville. (6) Old Castle, Black Gate Museum, and Trinity House.

Saturday, July 23rd.—Excursions to Barrasford and Stannington Sanatoriums.

On Saturday, July 23rd, there will be a whole-day excursion to the Roman Wall and Northumberland Lakes by char-a-banc, leaving the Reception Room at 10 a.m. (tickets 15s., including lunch and tea).

APPLICATIONS FOR TICKETS.

The attention of members attending the Annual Meeting in Newcastle-upon-Tyne is specially drawn to the fact that invitations for functions held during the meeting can only be obtained by personal application at the Reception Room.

ACCOMMODATION AT NEWCASTLE.

Members proposing to attend the Annual Meeting should bear in mind that they may not be able to obtain adequate accommodation, even at some distance, unless it has been reserved well beforehand.

Lists of hotels, etc., and revised particulars about accommodation at Newcastle were printed in the SUPPLEMENT of July 2nd. The Honorary Secretary of the Hotels and Lodgings Committee is Dr. E. F. Murray, 52, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ACADEMIC DRESS.

IT is hoped that members will wear decorations with academic dress or uniform on the following occasions:

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH.

5 p.m.—Religious Service in St. Nicholas Cathedral.
8 p.m.—President's Address in King's Hall, Armstrong College.
9.30 p.m.—Reception by President in Assembly Rooms Club.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH.

9.15 a.m.—Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.
9 p.m.—Reception by North of England Branch Council in Hancock Museum.

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST.

3 p.m.—Special Convocation for Honorary Degrees at Durham.

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND.

8.30 p.m.—Reception in Assembly Rooms Club.

Messrs. Gray and Sons, of 39-42, Saddler Street, Durham, and 6, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle, official robe makers to the University of Durham, Messrs. Ede and Ravenscroft, 93 and 94, Chancery Lane, W.C. 2, and Messrs. Nathan and Ravenscroft, 4, Hardman Street, Liverpool, will be prepared to supply Durham robes (on hire) for these functions.

Members are advised to communicate with the robe makers in advance stating their requirements.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

SUSSEX BRANCH.

The Financial Position of Voluntary Hospitals.

A CONFERENCE of the members of the honorary acting staffs of the voluntary hospitals of Sussex, convened by the Council of the Sussex Branch of the British Medical Association, was held at Brighton Dispensary on June 17th, when Dr. F. LOUD, the president, was in the chair, and twenty-three other members of hospital staffs, including representatives of hospitals at Brighton, Hove, Worthing, Lewes, and Hastings were present.

The financial position of voluntary hospitals was discussed, and the eight recommendations of the representatives of the staffs of all the English and Welsh voluntary hospitals especially affecting medical men, made at the meeting in London on Dec. 21st, 1920, were endorsed with the following modifications and additions.

For the fourth, which recommends that in times of financial difficulty it is desirable that the Central Government should subsidize voluntary hospitals, and that such subsidy in the case of any individual hospital should take the form of a contribution proportional to the income received by the hospital from voluntary and other contributions—(the subsidies here proposed should be made through some central hospital fund)—the following should be adopted:

That to meet the present necessity the State should make a temporary grant to voluntary hospitals through some central hospital fund and that such grant, in the case of any individual hospital, should take the form of a contribution proportional to the income received by the hospital from voluntary and other contributions.

In the sixth recommendation—that every patient of a voluntary hospital, who is not a necessitous person, should make a contribution during treatment towards the cost of maintenance—after the word contribution there should be inserted "in proportion to his or her means."

It was resolved not to endorse the eighth recommendation, which reads as follows:

That in the event of decisions being taken which would lead to patients paying, in part or in whole, the hospital maintenance fees, either individually or by some contributory method, or with the addition of rate aid or State aid, or by a combination of two or more of these methods, a percentage of all such payments should be passed into a fund which can be allocated in any manner which such honorary medical staff may determine.

In substitution for Recommendation 8 the conference suggested the following:

1. That in the event of decisions being taken which would lead to patients individually paying, in part or in whole, the hospital maintenance fees, no portion of such payments should pass to the control of the honorary medical staff; and
2. That in the event of decisions being taken which would lead to the payment of hospital maintenance fees by some contributory method or by State aid or rate aid, or by a combination of two or more of these methods, a percentage of all such payments should be passed into a fund which can be allocated in any manner which the honorary medical staff concerned may determine.

It was decided that the above recommendations should be sent to the Minister of Health and to Sir James Galloway, Chairman of the December Conference of the Staffs of the English and Welsh Voluntary Hospitals.

It was resolved that a circular letter be sent to the honorary medical staffs of the voluntary hospitals of Sussex intimating (1) that this conference commended to their favourable attention the Sussex Provident Scheme, and informing them that the Committee of the Provident Scheme would be pleased to send a delegate to give full information to any committee formulating a similar scheme, and also to incorporate with themselves committees of Provident Schemes in other areas; and (2) pointing out that in justice to themselves they should require their hospital committees to terminate agreements with educational committees which do not pay the scale of fees for the treatment of school children approved by the British Medical Association.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE sixty-ninth annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch was held on June 24th, when Dr. E. W. GOODALL, O.B.E., President, was in the chair.

The following officers were declared to have been elected for the ensuing session:

President: Dr. H. B. Brackenbury. *President-elect:* Mr. N. Bishop Harman. *Past-President:* Dr. E. W. Goodall. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. Christine Murrell, Dr. H. Harvey Norton, Dr. William Paterson, Dr. Charles Sanders. *Honorary Treasurer:* Mr. Comyns Berkeley. *Honorary Secretaries:* Dr. F. W. Goodbody, Dr. W. E. A. Worley.

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the Report of Council for the year 1920-21. Dr. HARFORD drew attention to the paragraph relating to the Consultative Committee's Report, and expressed disappointment that nothing had been done with so valuable a document, as the profession was looking to the British Medical Association for a lead on the various matters raised. The report was subsequently agreed to.

The report of the representatives of the Branch on the Central Council for 1920-21 was received. On the motion of Mr. BISHOP HARMAN, seconded by Dr. WILLIAM PATERSON, it was agreed to thank the four representatives—namely, Drs. Percival Barnes and Buttar, Lord Dawson of Penn, and Mr. McAdam Eccles for their past services.

The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Branch Council, moved a resolution to alter Rule 11 of the rules of the Branch, so that it should read as follows:

11. The management of the affairs of the Branch shall be vested in the Branch Council, which shall consist of the officers of the Branch, together with the representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association, and such members of the Branch as are also members of the Council of the Association, etc.

He stated that Dr. Hawthorne had raised the question whether this resolution was in order or not. He had considered the matter, and for reasons which he gave he ruled that it was in order. He wished, however, to point out that a proposed revision of the rule for Branches was to be brought before the forthcoming Representative Meeting. The motion upon being put to the meeting was lost.

The CHAIRMAN, in inducting his successor, Dr. Brackenbury, said he needed no introduction to such a meeting, as wherever the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL was circulated his name was a household word. He had attained the highest position his local fellow citizens could confer upon him before he interested himself intimately in the affairs of the Association, and was therefore equipped with an experience which many could not possess. He hoped his year of office would be as pleasant as his had been as regards the Branch Council, and felt sure that he would receive that courtesy and assistance from its members without which no chairman could hope to succeed.

Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY then took the chair, and delivered an address, which will be published in full.

On the motion of Sir JENNER VERRALL, supported by Dr. HAWTHORNE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Brackenbury for his interesting address.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring President (Dr. Goodall) and the Honorary Secretary (Dr. J. A. Percival Barnes).

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the North of England Branch was held at the Medical Institute (J. Wilkie Smith Memorial), Newcastle, on July 7th.

There was a large attendance, and previous to the meeting the retiring President, Dr. R. A. Bolam, and the incoming President, Dr. T. Eustace Hill, entertained those present to luncheon in the institute, when more than 70 sat down to an excellent repast. At the conclusion of the luncheon the Branch Poet recited to the company an ode, which happily referred to some of the more prominent celebrities and their characteristics. The recitation was a source of much enjoyment.

In addition to the usual business of the meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: Dr. T. Eustace Hill, O.B.E., Darlington. *President-Elect:* Dr. C. G. Maclagan, Berwick. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. H. B. Densham, Stockton; Mr. G. Grey Turner, M.S., F.R.C.S., Newcastle. *Scientific Secretary:* Mr. R. J. Willan, M.V.O., O.B.E., F.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. James Don.

After the business meeting many of the members adjourned to the City of Newcastle Golf Course, where a match was played between representatives of the North and South, resulting in a victory for the latter.

The day was delightful, the attendance was all that could be desired, and it was generally agreed that the meeting was one of the most successful annual meetings ever held.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.

AT a meeting of the Guildford Division on June 23rd, Mr. ALWYN SMITH, O.B.E., D.S.O., gave a most successful and useful practical demonstration of the treatment of fractures, illustrating some of the results obtained by means of slides.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Commanders W. T. Haydon to the *Carysfort*, J. G. Peebles to the *Columbine* for Port Edgar base, G. C. Cross to Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, M. W. Haydon to the *Cleopatra*, E. T. Burton to the *New Zealand* on becoming flagship, T. W. Myles, C.B.E., to the *Pembroke* for Royal Naval Hospital, Great Yarmouth (temporary). Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders G. D. G. Fergusson to the *Enchantress*, E. C. Holton, O.B.E., to the *Victory* for Royal Marine Artillery Division, Eastney, P. B. Wallis to the *Victory* for Royal Naval Barracks.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain and Brevet Major F. C. Cowtan resigns his commission on appointment to the R.A.F.

Captain J. A. Binning retires, receiving a gratuity.

The following temporary Captains relinquish their commissions: (Acting Major) G. Cooper, and is granted the rank of Major; Hugh H. Perry, and retains the rank of Captain.

To be Captains: Lieutenant (temporary Captain) E. P. N. Creagh, Lieutenant (temporary Captain) A. H. Clarke, M.C. (March 1st, 1920—substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, April 8th, 1920).

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Flight Lieutenants to be Squadron Leaders: D'Arcy Power, M.C., J. Rothwell, K. Biggs, M.C., A. J. O. Wigmore.

Flight Lieutenants to be honorary Squadron Leaders: A. E. F. F. Huntsman, G. D. Kerr.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain J. W. O'Brien, M.C., is removed, the King having no further occasion for his services, May 12th, 1921.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant J. P. Kitson (late R.A.M.C.) to be Captain.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) C. J. Jacomb-Hood having attained the age limit is retired, and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

DEFENCE FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

R.A.M.C.—To be temporary Captains: E. H. Mayhew, April 15th, 1921 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of May 11th, 1921, appointing this officer as temporary Lieutenant), John Marshall, G. H. H. Waylen, H. H. Back.

The notification regarding O. H. Mavor in the *London Gazette* of April 27th, 1921, is cancelled.

1st (Lowland) Field Ambulance (D.F.).—Temporary Major E. P. Cathcart relinquishes his commission.

1st (South Midland) Field Ambulance (D.F.).—Temporary Captain C. W. J. Brasher relinquishes his commission.

3rd (Wessex) Field Ambulance (D.F.).—To be temporary Captain A. E. Knapp.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—Tues., 5 p.m., General Meeting of Fellows. Ballot for election to the Fellowship.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.1.—Daily, 10-11.15 a.m., Instrumental Methods of Examination; 11.15-12.30 p.m., Demonstrations; 2-5 p.m., (except Sat.), Out-patients. 5 p.m., *Lectures;* Mon., Dr. F. W. Price: Auricular Flutter. Tues., Sir Russell Wells: Angina Pectoris. Wed., Dr. J. Parkinson: Diseases of the Myocardium. Thurs., Dr. P. Hamill: Cardio-vascular Neuroses. Fri., Dr. R. O. Moon: Prognosis of Heart Disease.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Daily, 2 p.m., In- and Out-patient Clinics, Operations, etc. *Lecture-Demonstrations:*—3 p.m., Tues., Mr. C. H. Hayton: Diseases of the Middle and Internal Ear. Wed., Mr. T. H. C. Benians: Every-day Bacteriology of Sputum. Fri., 4.30 p.m., Dr. C. E. Sundell: Dyspepsias of Infants.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Ward Visits; 2 p.m., In-patient Clinics and Operations.

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Annual Meeting, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

JULY 15TH TO 23RD.

(For detailed time-table see p. 30 of Supplement.)

The Annual Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Drugs, Foods, etc., will be open at the St. George's Drill Hall, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, from Tuesday, July 19th, to Friday, July 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

APPOINTMENTS.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physicians: G. Hislop, M.B., B.S., R. Williamson, M.B., Ch.B.Vict., W. J. Ford, M.B.Sydney. House-Surgeon: H. W. Harley, M.B., B.S Melb. Assistant Surgical Officer: G. B. Warburton, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

SPENCE.—At Collingwood Private Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on July 8th, the wife of G. R. Spence, M.B., Ch.B. (*née* Inez Thomson), of a daughter.

WESTBY.—On June 27th, to J. T Westby, M.B., B Ch., and Marjorie Westby, L.R.C.P. and S.I. (*née* McMullen), 9, Redcliffe Gardens, Southsea, a son.

MARRIAGES.

COLDWELL—SMITH.—On June 29th, at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, W., by the Rev. Prebendary Cronshaw, M.A., Walter Herbert Coldwell, M.B., B.S., to Barbara Joan Smith, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, the Quarry, Warwick.

TODD—FINDLAY.—At Pollokshields East U.F. Church, on June 30th, by Rev. David Sommerville, M.A., assisted by Rev. A. Brown, Robert Taylor Todd, M.B., Ch.B., of 56, Melbourne Street, Leicester, son of the late Henry Todd and Mrs. H. Todd, the Crescent, Pollokshields, Glasgow, to Janey Miller, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Findlay, 41, Sutherland Avenue, Pollokshields.

DEATHS.

MENZIES.—On July 8th, at the Towers, Hart Hill, Luton, the residence of his brother, James Acworth Menzies, M.D., of 3, Fenwick Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Interment, St. Andrews Cemetery, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Tuesday last, July 12th.

SAVAGE.—On July 5th, at his residence, 26, Devonshire Place, Sir G. H. Savage, M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 78. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 8th, at St. Marylebone Parish Church. Cremation at Golders Green. Interment at Sevenoaks Parish Church.

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